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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Hawthorne et al.
Serial No.: 09/404,826 Art Unit: 2122
Filed: September 24, 1999 Examiner: Kiss, Eric B.
For: METHOD OF TRANSFERRING FILES AND ANALYSIS OF TRAIN
OPERATIONAL DATA

AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for
Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the official Office Action dated September 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 6, line 22, change "Figures 1" to --Figure 1--. A clean copy is enclosed as Attachment A.

IN THE CLAIMS

A marked-up copy of the amendments to the claims is provided at Attachment B, and a clean copy of all of the claims is provided at Attachment C.

REMARKS

In response to the official Office Action dated September 25, 2002, the specification and claims have been amended to address the Examiner's concerns with respect to Paragraphs 3 through 6. Also, a minor amendment has been made to Claim 13 to clarify pneumatic brake system parameters.

Claims 1-29 and 46-50 stand rejected as either anticipated by Neeson et al. by itself or obvious over Neeson et al. in view of Cowan, Swensen et al. and Ehrenberger et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is directed to a method of transferring files between a computer on-board a train and remote stations. It includes collecting one or more of event recorder data, train performance data and track data in files on the on-board computer. Next, it is determined whether a remote station is within range. Wireless communication is established between the